

Business & Economic Development Partnership  
June 8, 2012  
7:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Burien City Hall  
400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Miller Creek Conference Room

### Minutes

Present: Judy Coovert, Mark Minium, Bryan Suter, James Hughes, David Elliot, Rick Onoyshko, Carmen Goers, Bob Ewing, Lindsay White, Lynn Wallace and Paul Smith

Excused absence: Kevin Fitz

Guest: Joey Martinez

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dan Trimble, Economic Development Manager; Nhan Nguyen, Management Analyst

### **Approval of Minutes**

Carmen Goers opened the meeting. Minutes for May 11 meeting were approved as written.

### **Chair's Report**

Carmen Goers had no Chair's Report. Carmen asked Lindsay White to report on the effect of Washington State's privatization of liquor sale has on her business. Lindsay noted that the purchasing price is up by 30% compared to the past. However, she didn't think the price increase will affect negatively the traffic to her business.

### **Guest Speaker**

Rebecca Reilly, from College Success Foundation, spoke about the Achiever Program at Highline High School. The program is geared toward high school juniors and seniors in low-income communities; in Burien, it's called Hometown Mentors. Many students are from immigrant families and are the first generation in the family with the chance to attend college. Their families often don't have the time or the knowledge to advise them on college and career issues. Mentors can help motivate the students to achieve their goals in life. Interested BEDP members can apply to be a mentor with Rebecca.

### **City Manager's Report**

Mike Martin reported that he met and presented the Kids and Cops Initiative to the Highline School District Board on June 5. He will bring the issue to the Burien City Council for discussion this month. It's important because the vision for the community can't be realized until the schools change for the better. Mike mentioned Burien Public Works has begun to work with WSDOT on the design of the off-ramp on SR-518.

### **Economic Development Manager's Report**

Dan Trimble reported that the Burien City Council approved unanimously on June 4 to authorize the City Manager to begin the process of repurchasing the undeveloped lots by City Hall. Dan acknowledged the possibility of ligation with the current owners of the property. Once the issue

is resolved, a possible RFQ could be made available to seek developers to complete the development. Mike Martin would like representation from BEDP in the RFQ process.

Dan reported that close to 30 units in Town Square have been sold. At the last meeting, the City Council would like to involve a consultant in the marketing and retail development process. Bob Ewing mentioned the Council sees a role for BEDP to be involved. Dan reported that SKCEDI is working on a regional marketing plan for retail recruitment and improving the image of Southwest King County. A consultant will present the Plan at a later time.

### **Discover Burien's Report**

Dave Elliot reported that Discover Burien has completed the final stage of the Strategic Plan. Lynn Wallace mentioned the Wild Strawberry Festival is coming up.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 22, 2012 - 7 AM, City Hall